

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Mario BERGERON *et al.* Customer Number: 25545
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Serial No.: 10/564,735 Group Art: 1793
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Title: **A PROCESS FOR RECOVERING PLATINUM GROUP METALS
FROM ORES AND CONCENTRATES**

Response to Final Official Action

Mail Stop Amendment
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Dear Sirs:

In response to the Final Official Action mailed on February 20, 2009, in connection with the above-identified patent application, please consider the remarks as indicated below with traverse. Response to the Office Action is due on August 20, 2009, with a three-month (3) extension of time. Applicants submit below a Petition for Extension of Time for three months, to and including August 20, 2009, accompanied by the required fee. A Request for Continued Examination is also enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

Petition for an Extension of Time of Three-month(s) begins on page 12 of this paper.